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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): William Joseph Piazza

For (title): **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR IDENTIFYING COMPATIBILITY BETWEEN
FIRMWARE IMAGES**

1. Type of Application

This transmittal is for an original (nonprovisional) application.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTIONS 1.8(a) AND 1.10*

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2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. 1.153 (Design) Application

20 Page(s) of Specification

12 Page(s) of Claims

4 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)-informal

B. Other Papers Enclosed

3 Page(s) of declaration and power of attorney

1 Page(s) of abstract

3. Assignment

An assignment of the invention to **International Business Machines Corporation; Armonk, NY** is attached. A separate "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT APPLICATION" is also attached.

4. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16)

Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED

Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 CFR 1.16(a) \$710.00
Total Claims	52	20	32	\$18.00	\$576.00
Independent Claims	6	3	3	\$80.00	\$240.00
Multiple Dependent Claims					\$0.00
Filing Fee Calculation					\$1,526.00

5. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

Enclosed		
Filing Fee		\$1,526.00
Recording assignment (\$40; 37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(h)) (See attached "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW APPLICATION".)		\$40.00
Total Fees Enclosed		\$1,566.00

6. Method of Payment of Fees

Charge Account No. **50-0563** in the amount of \$1,566.00.
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

7. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

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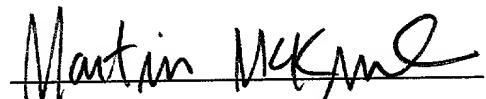
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